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CLUB NOTES

OUR VISITORS

To-night we welcome our friends from Oldham, a team which over the years have proved worthy opponents. This season, however, they have not always had the success they would have wished, as witness the 65 points surrendered to Wigan and St. Helens within the last week. Their position in the League table is much lower than one would expect, having only 16 points from 25 games, a slightly worse record than our own. With such experienced and talented players as prop Fletcher, hooker Taylor and half-backs Warburton and Canning, they should very soon click into better form.

CLUB CHATTER

A pleasing feature of our recent games with St. Helens and Salford, both away from home, is that notwithstanding the narrow defeats, on both occasions the team played strong attractive Rugby and only five points (total) separated our opponents and ourselves. We were particularly unfortunate at Salford when what appeared to be a try by Shuttleworth was disallowed for a final pass which was adjudged forward.

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PLAYERS

Congratulations to Eddie Tees for being selected the 'Man of the Match' at Salford. His consistent all-round performance fully justified the award.

It is good to see Harry Hughes in full training again after a long absence due to a troublesome knee injury, and it is likely he will be having a run out at Oldham on Saturday with the "A" team.

RUGBY LEAGUE CUP

It is doubtful, even if we had been able to choose our opponents for the first round tie, we could have had a more attractive draw than Wakefield at Craven Park. We do not have the pleasure of meeting our Yorkshire friends very often, and win or lose, we can look forward to a fine game on Saturday 3rd February. Whilst admission to the Stand will be by ticket only, the rest of the ground will be non-ticket, at usual prices, all pay! Given a fine day can we look forward to a five-figure 'gate'?

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This wording shows two differences from what it was before the rules were re-written.

- (1) The wording "undoubtedly" has been omitted from "would undoubtedly have been scored."

This left little option to the Referee and encouraged unfair play by a defender who had nothing to lose by it.

- (2) Awarding the try between the goal-posts stops a man from illegal acts in the hope of preventing the scorer from trying to gain an easier kick at goal.

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September

Fri. 1—ROCHDALE H. H 7-00
Fri. 8—HULL A 7-00
Sat. 16—HUDD'SF'LD H
Sat. 23—WIGAN A
Fri. 29—HULL H 7-00

October

Sat. 7—HUDD'SF'LD A
Fri. 13—BLACKP'L H 7-00
Sat. 21—LEIGH A 5-30
Fri. 27—DEWSBURY H 7-00

November

Sat. 4—LIVERPOOL C. A
Fri. 10—LEIGH H 7-00
Ths. 16—AUSTRALIA H
(Floodlights)
Sat. 18—BLACKPOOL A
Fri. 24—WARRINGT'N H 7-00

December

Sat. 2—ROCHDALE H. A
Fri. 8—ST. HELENS A 7-30
Fri. 15—WIDNES H 7-00
Tues 26—WHITEHAVEN H
Sat. 30—OLDHAM A

January-1968

Mon. 1—WHITEHAVEN A
Fri. 5—ST. HELENS H 7-00
Sat. 13—LIVERP'L C. H
Fri. 19—SALFORD A 7-30
Sat. 27—OLDHAM H

February

Sat. 3—1st Round C. C. A
Fri. 9—WIDNES A 7-30
Sat. 17—SWINTON H
Sat. 24—2nd Round C. C.

March

Fri. 1—WIGAN H 7-00
Sat. 9—WARRINGT'N A
" 16—BATLEY H
" 23—SWINTON A

April

Sat. 13—WORKINGTON A
Mon 15—WORKINGTON H

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September-1967

Sat. 2—Rochdale A
23—Wigan H

October

Sat. 21—Leigh H
28—Leigh A

November

Sat. 4—Liverpool H
11—Workington A
18—Salford H
25—Warrington A

December

Sat. 2—Rochdale H
9—St. Helens H
16—Widnes A
Tues 26—Whitehaven A
Sat. 30—Oldham H

January-1968

Mon 1—Whitehaven H
Sat. 6—St. Helens A
13—Liverpool A
20—Salford A
27—Oldham A

February

Sat. 10—Widnes H
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